

**Amendments to the Drawings:**

Regarding the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a), as not showing the "metal layer" feature of claim 13, applicants submit new Figure 1 with this paper, showing the metal layer 36. It is submitted that this amendment to Figure 1 does not add new matter.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 34 are pending. Claims 12, 27, 29, and 30 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 7, 11, 13-18, 21, 22 and 27 are currently amended. Claims 31 to 34 have been added. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

**37 CFR § 1.75(c) Objections**

Claims 2, 15, 16, and 17 were objected to under 37 CFR § 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim.

Claims 2 and 15-17 have been amended to address these objections. It is submitted that claims 2 and 15-17 are now in proper dependent form.

**35 USC § 112 Rejections**

Claims 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 22 are rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards (or Applicants regard) as the invention.

Claims 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 22 have been amended to address these § 112 rejections. It is submitted that these amendments overcome the rejection of claims 13, 14, 17, 18, 21, and 22 under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, and that these rejections should be withdrawn.

**35 USC § 103 Rejections**

Claims 1-8, 13-24, and 28 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harajiri ('246) in view of Shepherd ('739).

Claims 9-10 and 25-26 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harajiri ('246) in view of Shepherd ('739) as applied to claims 1 and 18 above, and further in view of Gundlach (IEEE, Vol. 18).

Claim 11 was rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Harajiri ('246) in view of Shepherd ('739) as applied to claims 1 and 18 above, and further in view of Powell ('926).

In response to the above rejections, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the aperture mask is a polymeric aperture mask that is reusable and repositionable, and claim 18 has been amended to recite that the aperture mask with a fifth aperture mask pattern is a polymeric aperture mask that is reusable and repositionable. Support for these amendments can be found on page 13, lines 3-4 of the present application. None of the cited prior art references individually or in combination disclose, teach or suggest the use of a polymeric aperture mask that is reusable and repositionable. As a result, the above noted rejections of claims 1-11, 13-26 and 28 under 35 USC § 103(a) are now moot and should be withdrawn.

New claims 31-34 have been added to further define additional features of the recited polymeric aperture mask. It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced.

Support for the amendment to the Drawings (Figure 1) and to the specification, on page 29, line 24, can be found on page 9, lines 10-19 of the present application.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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